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Hongkong, August 1, 1890. 1362

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THOMAS JACKSON, Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, August 23, 1890. 363

## NOTICE.

### RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

- 1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.
- 2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.
- 3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
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- 5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
- 6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
- 7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
THOMAS JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, May 18, 1890. 754

## Intimations.

### SELAMA TIN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE First Ordinary General Meeting of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, Room No. 6, Cannaught House, on SATURDAY, the 30th August, at 12 o'clock, Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to the 31st June, 1890.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to 29th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
W. HUTTON POTTS,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, August 13, 1890. 1498

### DIOCESAN HOME & ORPHANAGE.

SCHOOL DUTIES will be RESUMED on MONDAY, September 1st.

For Terms for Boarders or Day-scholars, apply to  
THE HEADMASTER.  
Hongkong, August 28, 1890. 1518

### THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-Year ending 30th June last, at the Rate of £1.10, and a BONUS of £1.80 per SHARE of £125, are PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, the 25th Instant, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for WARRANTS.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, August 23, 1890. 1485

### LAWRANCE NIVEN, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that in accordance with the Provisions of Ordinance No. 9 of 1870 Section 3 an Order has been made by the Honorable FREDERICK CLARKE, Acting Chief Justice of Hongkong, limiting the time for Creditors and others to send in their CLAIMS against the above Estate to the Underigned, Solicitors for JEANIE GROUNDWATER, the Administratrix, to the 31st day of December, 1890, on or before which date all Claims must be proved.

All Persons INDEBTED to the said Estate are requested to make immediate Payments.

Dated 23rd day of August, 1890.  
WOTTON & DEACON,  
Solicitors.  
1487 35, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

### THE BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of THE BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, at 8 o'clock p.m., on SATURDAY, the 6th day of September, 1890, when the subject of Resolutions, which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company, held on the 21st day of August, 1890, will be submitted for Confirmation as Special Resolutions.

- 1.—That the Capital of THE BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED, be increased from \$150,000 to \$180,000 by the creation of Three Thousand New Shares of \$10 each, to be fully paid-up.
- 2.—That the said New Shares be, in the first instance, allotted to those Shareholders whose names shall appear on the Register of Shareholders of the said Company on the 1st day of September next (and who shall on or before the 15th day of September next apply for the same to be allotted to them), in the proportion of one New Share for every five Old Shares held by them, but that no Shareholder shall be entitled to claim that any fractional part of any New Share be allotted to him.
- 3.—That all New Shares not applied for by such Shareholders within the time aforesaid be disposed of and allotted by the Directors in such manner as they shall think fit.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
K. A. STEVENS,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, August 22, 1890. 1476

### KUHN & CO., JAPANESE AND CHINESE FINE ART DEPOT.

21 & 23, QUEEN'S ROAD.  
Hongkong, July 21, 1890. 1209

### CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twenty-Fourth Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 11th Proximo, at 4 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 30th April last, and of declaring Dividends.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 29th Instant to the 11th Proximo, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
W. H. RAY,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, August 19, 1890. 1465

### HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 5 Pds. Cent. per Share for the Six Months ended 30th June, 1890, declared at Monday's Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting will be PAYABLE at the Premises of the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on and after TUESDAY, the 28th Instant, and SHAREHOLDERS are requested to apply for DIVIDEND WARRANTS at the Company's Office, No. 14, Praya Central.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
D. GILLIES,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, August 28, 1890. 1600

## Intimations.

### COMPANIA MARITIMA ASIATICA MEXICANA.

OFFICE No. 18, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL—Ground Floor.

C. VOGEL, Agent.  
Hongkong, August 28, 1890. 1516

### ROWLANDS' KALYDOR.

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THE HOTEL MARINA is unrivalled. The HOTEL LUNON runs regularly to and from Packer's Wharf and the Hotel, Free of Charge.

ANDREW FOSTER, Manager.  
Hongkong, July 23, 1890. 1307

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A Splendid Collection of the Latest LONDON PATTERNS, at very moderate prices. 742

### NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

#### CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

##### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP BATAVIA, FROM VANCOUVER, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND NAGASAKI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, August 28, 1890. 1510

#### THE CHINA SHIPPERS' MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

##### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON, LIVERPOOL AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S.S. MAYONE having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, LIMITED, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned, before Noon on the 31st Instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 31st Instant, at 4 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 31st Instant will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 2 o'clock TO-DAY.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, August 28, 1890. 1497

#### FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship Bellona, Capt. HAZELPOLE, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 2 p.m. TO-DAY.

Any Cargo impeding their discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, LIMITED, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 30th Instant will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 30th Instant, at 4 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

## Business Notices.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

#### SHOOTING SEASON—1890.

##### FOR SALE.

ELEY'S BROWN and BLUE METALLIZED CASES. ELEY'S GREEN GAS-TIGHT CASES. ELEY'S NEW DAMP-PROOF CASES.

THICK FELT WADS, GREY CLOTH WADS, GREASE-PROOF WADS, RE-PRIMING CAPS, WIRE CARTRIDGES, SHOT, Fison & Wile's 'Alliance' SPORTING POWDER.

TOTLEY'S DOUBLE-BARRELLED HAWKSHIRE FOWLING PIECES. SCOTT'S DOUBLE-BARRELLED FOWLING PIECES. RE-LOADING MACHINES, LOADING, RAMMING & TURNING MACHINES, POWDER & SHOT MEASURES, CARTRIDGE BELTS and BAGS, FLASKS, DOG WHISTLES, GAME-KITTERS, DOG CHAINS, GUN CLEANERS, GUN OIL and SUNDRIES of all kinds.

ROCK RIFLES, MARTINI-HENRI RIFLES and AMMUNITION. LOADED and SPORTING CARTRIDGES, filled with any required charge.

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LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. 1893  
Hongkong, August 5, 1890.

### NEW HATS.

CHRISTY'S and HEATH'S BLACK, BROWN and GREY FELT HATS. DOUBLE and SINGLE TERA and OTHER SOFT FELTS.

LADIES' FELT HELMETS, and CALCUTTA PITH HATS, TWEED CAPS.

Hongkong, July 28, 1890.

ROBERT LANG & Co. 1324

### W. POWELL & Co. GREAT CLEARANCE SALE.

LADIES' MILLINERY. FLOWERS, FEATHERS, WINGS. STRAW HATS, FELT HATS, ULSTERS, RAIN COATS, HIBBONS and TOYS.

HALF USUAL PRICES.

W. POWELL & Co. 1523  
VICTORIA EXCHANGE, August 20, 1890.

### Victoria Hotel.

Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbor and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), &c., has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal HOTELS in the place.

THE ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most comfortable and homelike manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East. The Accommodation and Service of every kind will be found to be of the best description. An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious, large Dining Room.

THE HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, Reading, Billiard and Smoking Rooms.

THE HOTEL is unsuited for comfort, convenience and quick service. Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABJEE & HING KEE, Proprietors.  
Hongkong, September 16, 1885. 1612

### MARINE HOTEL.

HONGKONG.

THE Undersigned begs to notify the Public of Hongkong and the Coast Ports, that THE MARINE HOTEL is NOW OPEN.

THIS FIRST-CLASS HOTEL is situated on the Praya West, opposite the Old P. & O. Wharf, and is newly built after the designs of the LARGEST EUROPEAN HOTELS—the BEDROOMS, BATH-ROOMS, &c., are commodious, well ventilated and well furnished, and are suitable for Single or Married Persons. The DINING ROOM is large and looks on the Harbor.

THE TABLE D'HOTE will be supplied with the best the market can provide. The BAR and BILLIARD ROOMS are on the Ground Floor, and are fitted up in superior style. ENGLISH and AMERICAN TABLES.

WINE and LIQUOR are of the best qualities and Brands only will be supplied. The Undersigned therefore begs the patronage of the Public, hoping to give every satisfaction.

JAS. EDWARDS, Proprietor. 1437

### NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

#### STEAMSHIP SAGHALIEN.

##### COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

##### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London and Havre ex Steamship Tigre, and from Bordeaux ex Steamship Ville de Paukerne, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium, Treasures and Valuables—are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 10 a.m. TO-DAY (Wednesday), requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after WEDNESDAY, the 3rd September, at Noon, will be subject to rent, and landing charges at one cent per packet per diem.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before the 6th September (Friday), or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.  
Hongkong, August 27, 1890. 1510

#### UNION LINE.

##### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBROUGH, LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. Altamara, Capt. DARNLEY, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Steamer will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense, and no Fire Insurance will be effected.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 3rd September, or they will not be recognized.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, August 28, 1890. 1609

## To Let.

### HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, Ltd.

#### TO LET.

THE Suite of OFFICES on the First Floor of the Company's Premises in LOS HOUSE LANE, at present occupied by Messrs. BOLDY, WINE & Co., with entrance from Queen's Road. Possession from 1st March next.

Also, ONE GODOWN on the Ground Floor which can be let in connection with the above Office, or separately as desired.

For Full Particulars, apply to the MANAGER at the Depot, or to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.  
Hongkong, January 27, 1890. 167

#### TO LET.

TWO FLOORS of HOUSE, No. 8, STANLEY STREET.  
Apply to ROZARIO & Co. 1230  
Hongkong, July 9, 1890.

#### TO LET.

NO. 3, MORRISON HILL.  
Entry, 1st June.  
Apply to G. C. ANDERSON, 13, Praya Central.  
Hongkong, April 22, 1890. 752

#### TO LET.

A HOUSE in WEST TERRACE.  
Immediate Entry.  
Apply to G. C. ANDERSON, 13, Praya Central.  
Hongkong, May 3, 1890. 601

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE AND HAMBURG.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, LONDON, LIVERPOOL and BREMEN.)

The Steamship Lydia, Capt. TH. FENNER, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 4th September, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, August 26, 1890. 1500

### COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

#### FOR HAIPHONG (DIRECT).

(Taking Cargo for TOURNAI & QUINON.)

The Co.'s Steamship Le Havre, Capt. FERAUD, will leave for the above Port shortly after the arrival of the next English Mail Steamer from Europe.

For Freight or Passage, apply to G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.  
Hongkong, August 26, 1890. 1504

### NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA (FLORENCE & ROBINSON UNITED COMPANIES).

#### STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG & BOMBAY.

Having connection with Company's Mail Steamers to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, (LEHORN), and GENOA; all MEDITERRANEAN, AFRICAN, LEBANON and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS, up to CALAIS. Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD.

The Co.'s Steamship Burnside, Capt. GAVAZZO, Master, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 5th September, at Noon.

At Bombay the Steamers are discharging in VICTORIA DOCK.

For further Particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to

CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, August 27, 1890. 1512

### THE CHINA SHIPPERS' MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### FOR LONDON.

The Co.'s Steamship Piquette, Capt. J. C. JAMES, Commander, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 6th September, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, August 23, 1890. 1488



animals. No harmful results followed,

ments completely disprove the popular idea. The science of pathology is only in its infancy, and it is quite possible M. Eschsch's experiments may lead to some important discovery which will bring about a change in the popular belief that has hitherto been stoutly supported by scientific men. There is, however, a great deal of what seems 'strong evidence' against the new theory, not the least of which is the great outbreak of cholera that occurred in Egypt after the war, the cause of which was said to be the pollution of the Nile by dead bodies.

and maintain members' legislation by an official vote." Times without number legislation has been forced on Hongkong, against which the unofficial members protested in a body and were supported by the whole community. In the Sunday labour question, the unofficial members merely represent themselves and a very small and interested section of the community. What would Lord Knutsford think if a proposal were made to allow mine-owners and mine-owners alone to settle the question of the working of women and children in mines? Yet his proposal to refer the question of Sunday labour in the harbour to the unofficial members is little less preposterous. Besides, even were the merchants in Hongkong anxious to give their employees rest on Sunday, they are not free agents. As in many contemporary points out, they in many

shipping firms who run the various lines of steamers between Europe and the Far East, and the essential condition is that all despatch is to be used by agents at intermediate ports such as Singapore and Hongkong. "It cannot," says our contemporary, "be too often repeated that to pretend that the question is capable of settlement by local influence and in accordance with local opinion—part from legislation, of course—is simply to shelve the whole business." There remains one voluntary effort that may prove efficacious, at least for a time. The maritime officers themselves may, as we hinted last night, by combination force the hand of the

The Spanish, like most nations of the Latin race, are very impressionable, given to ebullitions of love and hatred that seem ridiculous in the eyes of the cooler-blooded Anglo-Saxon or Teuton. A Spaniard named Peral constructed a very ingenious submarine boat which, in the opinion of his

naval warfare. Experiments were made with the vessel, and the result was declared to be highly satisfactory. Thereupon the Spanish nation opened wide its arms to embrace the great discoverer. He was received as a hero wherever he went. The Government voted him a large sum of money and made him a *Grandee of Castile*, while the public rushed to banquet him. The Spanish newspapers were full of his praises. Even torpid Manila caught the infection. Spain has not been noted in the past for the honour she has paid to her really great men. Her rewards were generally exile or the scaffold. The inventor of a destructive weapon has charmed where better men failed. His glory, however, may not last long, for the latest telegraphic news is that the opinion is against *Siñor Perla*. Hitherto the submarine vessels constructed

and if the experts are right Peral's bomb must fall into the same category. Doubtless a practical vessel will one day be constructed to travel under water, but that the world will gain anything by such an invention is very doubtful. Naval warfare will be adjusted to the discovery, as it has been adjusted to so many other discoveries, and things will go on as before. The feverishness with which European nations are searching for new and improved weapons of destruction is not a very hopeful sign of the times. But the anxiety is on the whole more the outcome of a desire for securing national defence than of aggressive feelings. The love of war for its own sake, so strong in the Middle Ages, is dying out. There is growing up, as perhaps a result of the increased comfort of modern days, a greater horror of war and the carnage that follows in its train. The more successful the submarine

wherewith to clothe himself may shoulder his musket with indifference, and for so soon as a country as Montenegro fighting may seem in the natural order of things; but to greater industrial peoples like the English and the Germans, war, even if successful, brings more wide-spread calamity. Some think that there will ere long be discovered a weapon so deadly that war will become almost impossible. The *Espresso* evidently does not believe so, for in referring to Mr. Giffard's wonderful invention, it gives forth the following very pessimistic opinion:—"If the chemists invented an explosive so powerful that, when fired by electricity from a distance, the air-shock would break down the flesh walls of all human beings within a radius of ten







